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The Honorable Robert S. McNamara The Secretary of Defense Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McNamara:

Reference is made to NSCID No. 8, 24 January 1961, Subject: "Photographic Intelligence". (Secret).

Paragraph 2a(3) of subject reference indicates that the administration of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) shall be transferred to the Secretary of Defense in time of war.

In order that appropriate plans may be developed for continued operation of NFIC during a wartime emergency, information is requested as to:

- a. The individual or agency within DOD to which the Director, NPIC, should report in time of war.
- b. The missions or tasks which will be assigned to NPIC during time of war, particularly during the early stages.

Very truly yours,

Allen W. Dulles Director